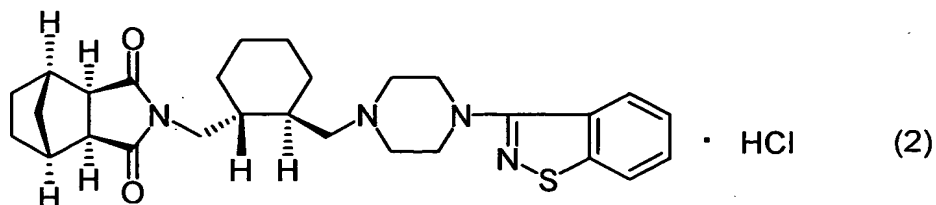


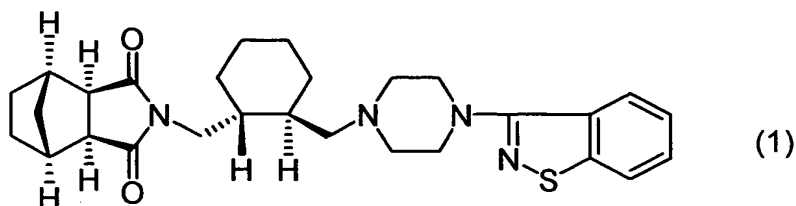
CLAIMS

1. A process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride of the formula (2):



or an enantiomer thereof,

which comprises treating a compound of the formula (1):



or an enantiomer thereof with an aqueous hydrochloric acid solution in a hydrophilic solvent, followed by crystallizing the resultant.

2. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent is a ketone solvent.

3. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent is acetone.

4. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the aqueous hydrochloric acid solution is a 1.8 - 14.4 % aqueous hydrochloric acid solution.

5. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the aqueous hydrochloric acid solution is a 3.0 - 5.0 % aqueous hydrochloric acid solution.